

# THE PARISH MESSENGER

A PERSONAL VISITOR TO THE PARISHES

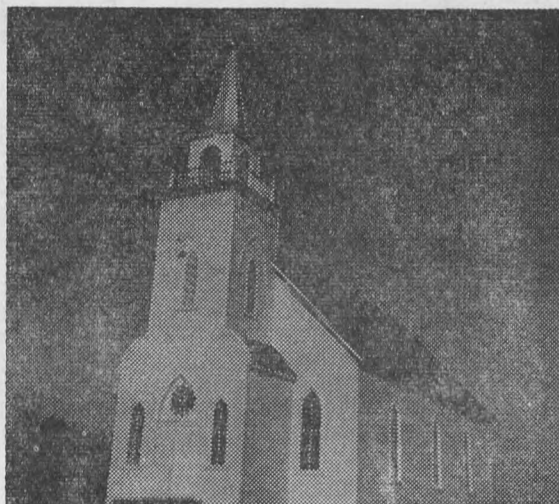
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA - JUNE 1960

## **ARGYLE PARISH**

GLENBORO,  
BALDUR, BRU  
and GRUND

**WELCOMES YOU**

to the  
**75th ANNIVERSARY  
CONVENTION**  
of the  
ICELANDIC  
LUTHERAN SYNOD  
OF AMERICA



## *Grund Church*

Pioneer Church of Argyle Parish

where the

**ANNIVERSARY SERVICES**

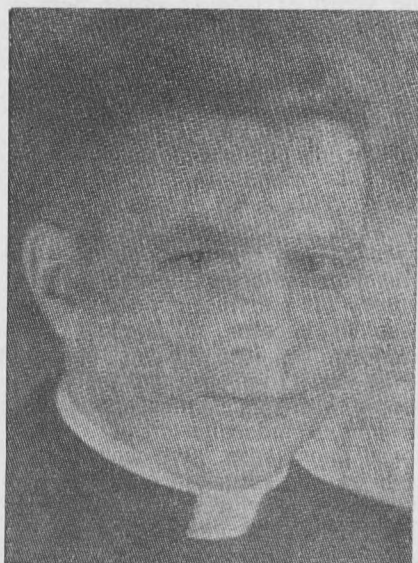
will be held

**JUNE 5th, 1960**

**2:30 p.m.**

and

**7:30 p.m.**



**THE REV. O. DONALD OLSEN**  
Host Pastor

## *Sunrise Camp*

### **1960 Schedule**

July 3-9 inclusive — Senior Group, girls and boys (Over Confirmation).

July 10-17 inclusive — Boys and girls, 12 years and over.

July 18-25 inclusive — Boys, 9, 10 and 11 years.

July 26 - August 2 inclusive — Boys and girls, 7 and 8 years.

August 3-10 inclusive — Girls, 9, 10 and 11 years.

**Fees for all age groups — \$14.00 for Session.**

Camp Telephone 316 Ring 3, Gimli.

Please Register early in June.

Applications may be sent to any of the following persons:

Mrs. G. Eliasson, 890 Dominion St., Phone SU 35198.

Mrs. C. H. Scrymgeour, 406 Moor-gate St., Phone TU 82250.

Mrs. Bonnie Bjarnason, Langruth, Manitoba.

Mrs. Anna Austman, Arborg, Manitoba.

Mrs. Gertie Thorarinson, Riverton, Manitoba.

Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Lundar, Manitoba.

Mrs. Conrad Nordman, Cypress River, Manitoba.

Mrs. J. E. Erickson, Selkirk, Manitoba, Phone 4022.

Dr. Frank Scribner, Gimli, Manitoba.

### **TO OUR MANY FRIENDS:**

The Camp requires a yearly budget in order to operate efficiently and for required expansions. Contributions to this budget from those that have the cause of our youth at heart, would be welcomed at all times and may be forwarded to the Treasurer:

MRS. ANNA MAGNUSSON,  
Ste. 510, Thunderbird Apts.,  
Portage Ave.,  
Winnipeg 12, Manitoba.

### **Why Do I Work For The Church**

**Excerpts from Prize Winning Essay,  
Written at Sunrise Camp,  
July 6, 1959.**

The Church is called a Christian Church because it's named after Jesus Christ. The Church is called a Holy Christian Church because God and Jesus are indeed holy. I work for the Holy Christian Church because indirectly I'm working for the Lord. The Church is a very great world-wide organization because there are many churches all over the world working together to help bring people to know the Lord. Those that know Him are learning to know Him better by reading the Bible daily and going to Church regularly.

I work for the Church because in this way I'm helping to spread the Word of God to other people in this world who have no idea at all who made us, the world and everything in it. Some people think the world was made by an idol or some great gods but they don't know that one great man — the Lord — made the heavens and earth. This is an excellent reason to work for the Church because there are so many people in this wild world of ours that are so very hungry for spiritual growth. If we were to become missionaries we would go out into the vast corners of the earth to preach and teach the people who don't know about God or understand what they have heard about Him. We would take with us our Bible — our Bible is our greatest source of knowledge about God and Jesus Christ, our Lord.

By working in the Church we are

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## News Flashes Around The Synod

The third annual convention of the VIKING LUTHER LEAGUE of the Icelandic Synod was held in Gimli, April 29 to May 1. There were 120 delegates and visitors from ten leagues.

"My Life for Christ" was the theme of the convention. The Chaplain, Pastor Magnuson of Riverton; the keynote speaker, Pastor Gudmundson of Mountain; and the banquet speaker, Pastor Larson of Arborg, all spoke on this theme. The business sessions were well organized and interest remained high throughout the convention. Another highlight was the visit to Betel by the entire group on Saturday afternoon.

New officers elected were: President, Don Nevile, Gimli; vice-president, Valdine Scrymgeour, St. James; secretary, Elaine Scribner, Gimli; treasurer, Brian Thorarinson, Riverton. Pastor Larson was again elected pastoral advisor.

The league adopted a \$618.00 budget for the coming year. This includes adoption of a Hong-Kong refugee child through Canadian Lutheran World Action.

The next convention will be held in the spring of 1961 at Mountain, North Dakota.

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The annual convention of the Lutheran Women's League was held at Lundar Parish, May 27 to 29. At the time of this writing, the convention has yet to be held, so news of this event will appear in the next copy of the Parish Messenger.

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The Executive Committee of the Synod arranged a luncheon in honor of the Most Reverend Sigurbjorn Einarsson, Bishop of Iceland, in Winnipeg on Monday, May 30. Present were pastors of the Synod and

their wives and members of the Executive Board and their wives.

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The Vidir congregation has voted to disband with interested members becoming a part of the Arborg congregation. The decision was made at the annual meeting. A long and healthy discussion was held and when the vote was taken it was almost unanimous. Vidir will now be a 'preaching point' with monthly services.

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First Lutheran Church engaged in a New Life Mission in early May. Guiding the week's activities of the Mission was the Rev. Clifton Weihe, staff secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Board of Social Missions of the U.L.C.A. A thorough-going self study of the congregation was a part of the Mission activity as well as visitations of prospective homes and discussion of evangelism techniques.

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Celebrating the completion of the renovation of the interior of their church, the Arborg congregation held a spring Evangelism Preaching Mission. Guest missionary was the Rev. Lothar Schwabe of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Winnipeg. As a result of the mission an on-going Evangelism committee was organized and approximately 200 homes were visited on behalf of Christ and His Church.

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Recently the Glenboro Church completed a rebuilding and renovation program of their church edifice. The project included the completion of an addition which provides a study, a sizeable classroom, washroom facilities and a new furnace room. Complete renovation of lower auditorium was also effected.

# 75th Anniversary Convention Agenda

## Sunday, June 5

- 1.00 - 6.00 p.m. — Registration in the Grund Hall
- 2.30 p.m. — 75th Anniversary Service in Icelandic in the Grund Church.  
 Preacher: Bishop Sigurbjorn Einarson of Iceland.  
 Liturgists: Rev. E. H. Sigmar and Rev. E. S. Brynjolfson.  
 Soloist: Rev. H. Gudmundson — Official Greetings.
- 4.30 - 6.30 p.m. — Supper served in the Grund Hall by the Grund Ladies.
- 7.30 p.m. — 75th Anniversary Service in English in the Grund Church.  
 Preacher: Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President of U.L.C.A.  
 Liturgists: Rev. E. H. Sigmar and Rev. O. D. Olson.
- 8.30 p.m. — Formal opening of the Synod 75th Anniversary Convention.  
 Greetings from the Host Pastor and Bishop of Iceland.  
 Delegates will be guests in the homes of their hosts.

## Monday, June 6

- 9.00 a.m. — Communion Service in the Glenboro Lutheran Church.  
 Preacher: Rev. K. Simundsson.  
 Liturgists: Dr. V. J. Eylands and Rev. O. D. Olsen.  
 Reception of Pastors Gudmundson and Magnuson.  
 Reception of Trinity Church, Camper, Manitoba.
- 10.00 a.m. — Business Sessions:  
 Reports of the Officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer).  
 Report of the Credentials Committee.  
 Report of the Finance Committee.  
 Report of the Stewardship Secretary.  
 Report of the Committee on Reference and Council.
- 11.45 a.m. — Greetings: Dr. E. Treusch, Canadian Lutheran Council.  
 Rev. C. Monk, Canadian Lutheran World Relief.
- 12.15 Noon — Lunch served in the Glenboro Church by Glenboro Ladies.
- 1.45 p.m. — Devotions: The Rev. Edward Day.  
 Roll Call — Business Sessions:  
 Report of the Lutheran Women's League.  
 Report of the Parish Education Committee.
- 2.30 p.m. — Special Order: U.L.C.A. Representative Dr. F. P. Madsen.
- 3.30 p.m. — Coffee Break, served by the Baldur Ladies.
- 4.00 p.m. — Business Session:  
 Report of the Board of The Betel Home.  
 Report of the Evangelism and Social Action Committee.  
 Report of the Viking Luther League.
- 5.30 p.m. — Adjourn.
- 6.00 p.m. — Supper in the Bru Hall served by the Bru Ladies.
- 8.00 p.m. — 75th Anniversary Historical Program in the Bru Church.  
 Chairman: The Rev. V. J. Eylands.  
 Devotions: The Rev. Norman B. Nelson.  
 Address: Rev. H. S. Sigmar — Address: Rev. K. K. Olafson.  
 Musical numbers, arranged by the Bru Choir.
- 10.00 p.m. — Coffee in the Bru Hall, served by the Bru Ladies.

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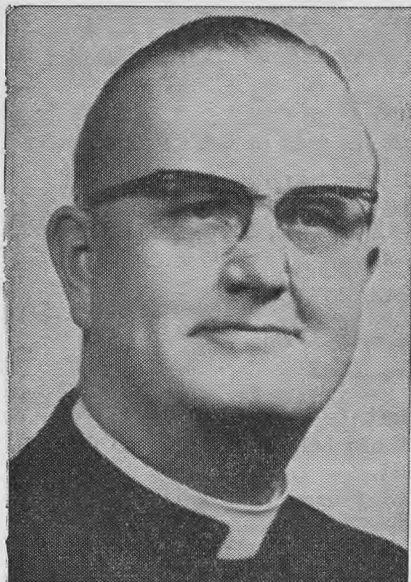
### **Tuesday, June 7**

- 7.30 a.m. — Lutheran Laymen's Breakfast for men of the Convention and for the men of the Parish.  
Program in charge of R. B. Vopni, N. O. Bardal and O. Bjorklund.  
Breakfast prepared and served by the Breakfast Committee.  
Address: "What L.L.M. Means to the U.L.C.A.", Dr. Frank P. Madsen.
- 9.00 a.m. — Devotions: The Rev. W. M. Bergman.
- 9.15 a.m. — Roll Call — Business Session:  
Report on Lutheran World Action.  
Report on Canadian Lutheran World Action.  
Report on the Parish Messenger.  
Report on Sameiningin.
- 10.30 a.m. — Convention Committees Meet.
- 12.00 Noon — Lunch served by the Glenboro Ladies in Glenboro Church.
- 1.15 p.m. — Convention Committees Meet.
- 2.00 p.m. — Devotions: The Rev. R. E. Magnuson.
- 2.15 p.m. — Roll Call — Business Session:  
Report of Convention Committee on Reference & Counsel Stewardship.  
Report of Convention Committee on Stewardship.  
Report of Convention Committee on Finances.  
Report of Convention Committee on Betel Home.  
Report of the Convention Committee on the President's Report.
- 3.30 p.m. — Coffee served in the Glenboro Church by Grund Ladies.
- 4.00 p.m. — Business Session:  
Report of Convention Committee on Evangelism.  
Report of Convention Committee on Youth Work.  
Report of Convention Committee on Publications.  
Report of Convention Committee on L.W.A. and C.L.W.A.  
Unfinished Business.
- 5.30 p.m. — Adjourn.
- 6.00 p.m. — Supper in the Baldur Hall served by the Baldur Ladies.
- 8.00 p.m. — Evening Program Theme: "The Present and The Future."  
Program in The Immanuel Lutheran Church, Baldur.  
Chairman: Rev. O. D. Olsen.  
Devotions: The Rev. O. Jack Larson.  
Address: Dr. Frank P. Madsen, U.L.C.A. Representative.  
Address: Rev. Eric H. Sigmar.  
Musical numbers arranged by the Baldur Choir.
- 10.00 p.m. — Delegates will be guests in the homes of their hosts.

### **Wednesday, June 8**

- 9.00 a.m. — Devotions: The Rev. E. S. Brynjolfson.  
Roll Call.
- 9.15 a.m. — Business Session:  
Election of Officers.  
Unfinished Business.  
New Business — Discussion of Merger.  
Official Closing of Synod.
- 12.00 Noon — Lunch in the Glenboro Church served by Glenboro Ladies.





**DR. FRANK P. MADSEN**  
**U.L.C.A. Official Representative**

## *We Heartily Welcome*

**THE REV. FRANK P. MADSEN,  
 D.D.**

We heartily welcome Dr. Madsen as the official representative of the United Lutheran Church. Dr. Madsen was ordained in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan and from his ordination to March 1953 served three parishes in that state. He was elected full time president of Michigan Synod at a special meeting of Synod in Jackson, Michigan in December 1952 and assumed office on March 1st, 1953. A Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred by Wittenberg College on June 9, 1952. Dr. Madsen will address the convention on Monday, June 6 in the afternoon, the L.L.M. breakfast on Tuesday, June 7, and on Tuesday evening in the Baldur Church on the theme for the evening: The Present and the Future.

## *Conference for Public and Private School Teachers*

Four Lutheran church bodies will sponsor the Conference for Public and Private School Teachers at Waterloo, Ontario, August 6-13. The purpose is to give teachers and other educational leaders an opportunity to study the implications of their Christian faith in their work.

The conference, held each summer for the past ten years at various Lutheran church colleges, is offered by the Boards of Parish Education of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Augustana Lutheran Church, the Suomi Synod and the United Lutheran Church in America. Attendance is limited to public and private school teachers, school superintendents, principals, supervisors, counselors, nurses, librarians, coaches, dietitians and other school workers and officials. Only those who can attend for the entire week will

be accepted. Teachers of any denomination may attend.

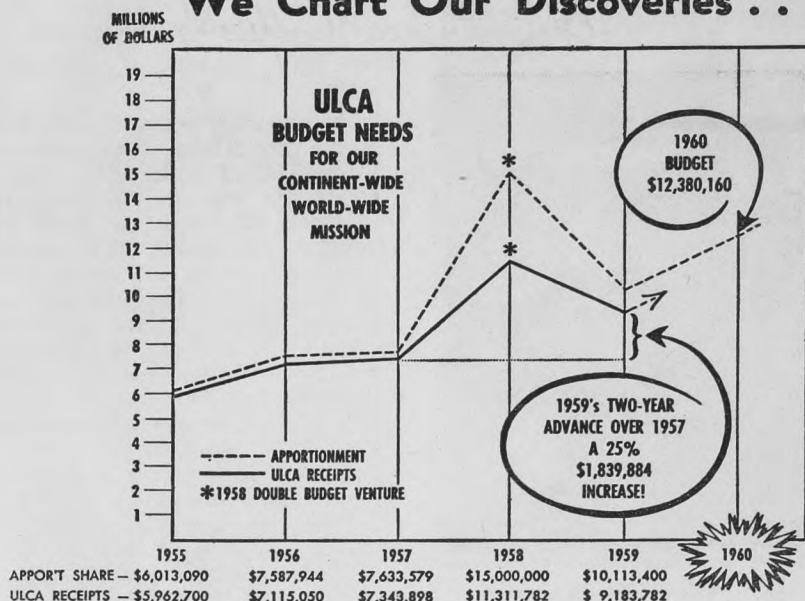
Discussion will be the major method of study as teachers share insights, concerns and experiences and seek answers to the question: "What does my faith have to do with my work?" The daily program will include Bible study, worship, and opportunities for fellowship.

The conference faculty has been selected from the fields of Education, Bible, Theology and Worship.

Costs of the conference will include: registration fee, \$5; room, \$7 for the week; meals, about \$3 per day, cafeteria style and paid at mealtimes.

Inquiries regarding the conference may be directed to the Rev. S. White Rhyne, director, 2900 Queen Lane, Philadelphia 29, Pa.

# We Chart Our Discoveries . . .



We United Lutherans no longer have shaky confidence in ourselves—or in our ability to give. We now accept great Christian opportunity and go all the way,—well, almost. We virtually doubled benevolence giving for the ULCA between 1955 and 1958, and then established a 25% increase between 1957 and 1959. Now comes new opportunity: to provide ULCA causes with a \$12,380,160 in 1960. This is not mere statistics. The ULCA budget is power to proclaim the Gospel through evangelism, parish education, higher education, social action, home missions, and foreign missions. It provides services to congregations in press-radio-television, architecture, worship,—and the world witness of our ULCA officers!

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able to have a greater source of knowledge and are able to do something really worthwhile with our lives. By going to Sunday School every Sunday we are learning a lot about our Lord and Church. As we grow older we can serve in the Church by becoming a teacher in Sunday school, thus helping the younger generation to learn about our Lord and the life afterwards in heaven. We can serve as a choir member, or in the women's organizations or as a deaconess. A deaconess is a lady worker in the Church — she leads a very interesting life and she can serve as

many things.

As the years go along the world changes and decays but God never changes — He's always the same in every respect. All the blessings flow to us here below from the heavenly hosts. God is our health and our salvation — after all He's our King of Creation. God is our mighty fortress — He's our trusty shield and our weapon against danger and evil. We all need love and compassion, faith and hope to carry on this great world of ours. Stewardship is faith. When you are a Christian, you respond to God.

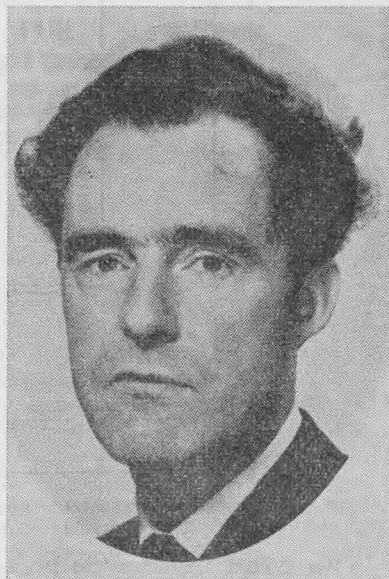
LINDA STILLER,  
Brooklands, Manitoba,  
Age 13.

## *Distinguished Guests*



**The Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry**  
President U.L.C.A.

We are honored at the presence of Dr. Franklin Clark Fry at our anniversary convention. Dr. Fry is the President of our United Lutheran Church in America and of the Lutheran World Federation and Chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. In his busy schedule, he has arranged to be present to preach at our 7:30 p.m. anniversary service on June 5th. We extend to him a warm welcome to our convention and express our gratitude to him for his visit here.



**Bishop of Iceland**  
**The Most Reverend**  
**Sigurbjorn Einarsson**

We cordially welcome the Honorary Patron of our Synod, the Most Reverend Sigurbjorn Einarsson, Bishop of the Church of Iceland to our convention. We are thrilled that he could make the long journey from Iceland to be present at the 75th Anniversary Convention. We thank him for his visit to us and for his interest in the work of our Synod. We look forward to his message to us at the anniversary service at 2:30 p.m. on June 5th.

### **JUNE IS DEACONESS MONTH**

New Film Strip "52" available for June meeting. Contact Sister L. Olsen, First Lutheran Church, Winnipeg.

This interesting set depicts first deaconess in ULCA and wide variety of work being done by their spiritual descendents, the 52 deaconesses consecrated in this decade.